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TAGS: PINT, CB

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE; PARTIAL EVACUATION

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1. SINCE ACTING PRESIDENT SAUKHAM KHOY WAS VISITING TROOPS TODAY, I WAS UNABLE TO SEE HIM. I MET WITH ACTING PRIME MINISTER HANG THUN HAK AND GAVE HIM GIST OF REFTEL WITH THE REQUEST HE PASS IT ON TO THE ACTING PRESIDENT.

2. HANG THUN HAK SAID THAT KHMERS HOPE THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WILL ACT FAVORABLY ON PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND IN THIS CONNECTION NOTED THAT LON NOL'S DEPARTURE FROM CAMBODIA WAS LARGELY MOTIVATED BY KHMER DESIRE TO IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES WITH AMERICAN LEGISLATORS.

3. HE RAISED NO OBJECTION TO OUR THINNING OUT RANKS OF THOSE FOR WHOM WE ARE RESPONSIBLE HERE. I STRESSED THAT WE REMAIN IN PHNOM PENH IN GREAT NUMBERS AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT KHMERS AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. ALSO THOSE WHO ARE TEMPORARILY SENT TO BANGKOK WILL RETURN TO PHNOM PENH AS SOON AS ADDITIONAL AID IS VOTED.

4. LATE IN THE DAY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CALLED ON ME AND I AVAILED MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT IN MORE GENERAL TERMS WHAT I HAD

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TOLD THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER EARLIER IN THE DAY.

5. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE KHMERS HAVE A COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP MADE UP OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE, THE KHMER CIVILIAN AND MILITARY SEEM TO BE PULLING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A COMMON OBJECTIVE: FIRST, TO TRY TO STABILIZE THE DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO OPEN A CHANNEL TO THE KHMERS ON THE OTHER SIDE FOR A POLITICAL DIALOGUE. WHILE ALL THESE EFFORTS MAY BE TOO LATE, THE KHMERS ARE STILL HANGING IN THERE FOR THE MOMENT.

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